

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Serial No.:	10/075,552	Confirmation No.:	8407
Applicant(s):	Ryuji BIRO	Group Art Unit:	3749
		Examiner:	Jiping LU
Filed:	February 13, 2002	Customer No.:	27123
For:	OPTICAL ELEMENT FOR USE IN EXPOSURE APPARATUS AND RINSING METHOD THEREFOR		

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated October 10, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.